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For: PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND
THERAPEUTIC USE

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Monday, May 2, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Advisory Action dated April 7, 2005, and supplemental to the Amendments filed October 27, 2004 and August 30, 2004, entry and consideration of the noted Amendments, the Declaration of Franky TERRAS filed October 27, 2004 and the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the following remarks, are requested. A Petition for a two month extension and two month extension fee, to extend the due date for further response to Monday, May 2, 2005, are attached as a part of the attached RCE.

Entry of the previously-noted Amendment are believed to obviate and/or make moot the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 95-97 and the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 77 and 98-101, repeated in the Advisory Action of